

Dear FCC,

I write in oposition to the pending NAB's petition 04-160 that would suppress XM and other satellite radio offerings of local weather and traffic reports.

I believe competition is good. It saddens me that the owernship rules have already been relaxed to allow huge companies from owning hundreds, if not over a thousand, radio stations throughout our great country.

For six years I lived in rural Washington State where one of the big ones owned almost 50% of the market. Programming is on their schedule NOT the listener's schedule. We have very little in the way of viable options.

XM's new weather and traffic stations help fill the void. It provides a timely reporting of the information WHEN the listener needs it.

Next year I will be living in the Seattle area which will have XM's own weather and traffic updates. Will this keep me from listening to KIRO, KOMO, etc. NO! But given the horrible traffic in the Puget Sound region, it will allow me the opportunity to find the latest conditions right away....so I can make a decision BEFORE I leave the house.

XM radio is another option. Many subscribers listen to both local radio options and the variety of programming available on XM. We need that choice. We DESERVE the choice.

Thank you for your considering in denying the NAB's request for Petition 04-160.

Sincerely,

Dan Morgan